

## FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST.

A Birmingham tinworker attempted to commit suicide the other day by drinking some hydrochloric acid. A policeman concealed an emetic by scraping some whitening from the ceiling and mixing it with water. It saved the man's life.

The largest winner in the English flat-racing season, which has just ended, is Sir James Miller, who won stakes of the value of \$139,940, of which Rock Sand's five races represented \$90,595.

Miss McLaughlin made a new world's record for woman swimmers at Glasgow, Nov. 25. She swam fifty yards in thirty-seven seconds, which is a second faster than the previous record.

Angara Pegana, on the African coast, where Admiral Rojestvensky was lately reported as sailing, his squadron, was a favorite resort of the Confederate commerce destroyers for similar purposes.

The religious revival in Wales has "taught on" so hard that even football is "dead." A correspondent of the London Express says: "Go in to a shop for a cigar—the shopman is humming a hymn. Take your ticket at a station—the booking clerk is engaged in sacred song. As you walk along the streets you meet children trooping off to school. They are singing hymns."

Sir Alfred Jones started at a meeting of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 20 that it was expected this year \$750,000 worth of cotton would be brought to England from Lagos, Africa.

A recent number of the Cape Mercury contained this advertisement: "Wanted for German West Africa, a man to look after one horse, two cows and three pigs. One who can impart the rudiments of French, singing and the piano to children preferred."

The master tailors of Paris are bending their intellects to the task of devising a suitable uniform for the President of France.

Finishing a long, rusty nail in his morning roll, a Vietnamese citizen charged his baker with endangering the public safety. The baker was fined \$4.

Speaking in Kester on Nov. 24, Rider Haggard said he had seen people herded together in England under conditions to which Kafirs or wild African tribes would not submit.

## CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Westley hospital, Chicago, has expended \$11,056 for free work in the last year. Of this amount the Methodist churches contributed \$8,502.

Grace Methodist church, New York, is in the midst of an energetic and systematic canvass of its entire parish, the primary object being to secure 1,000 new scholars before Dec. 25.

Rev. Dr. McComb, professor of theology in Queens university, Kingston, Ont., has forsaken Presbyterianism and joined the Anglican church. He will take a charge in the United States. He resigned from the university last May.

## The Times' Daily Short Story.

## A WOMAN'S PREFERENCE

(Original.)

I've hunted and trapped and scouted, man and boy, for forty years and been observant of the queer doings of different kind of animals, but I never see nothing so queer as wimmen. There ain't no feller can tell jist what a woman's goin' to do. Any other machine's built up on certain principles and as long as kept in repair will grind things out the same way. Wimmen won't do it. They grind irregular.

One evenin' forty year ago when I was huntin' antelope in the Rockies I was camped in a pass along which wagon trains was comin' on their way to California. I see a single wagon lumberin' up the road, and when it come nigh I noticed a woman was drivin'. There was three men with her, and it turned out that they was all workin' fer her. They camped with us, and it wasn't long before we found that the woman was a widder who had got a lot of money from her husband and was goin' on some sort of a business deal in San Francisco. She was a good lookin' pussen, someers about thirty, and it was easy to see that all the men was tryin' to git into her favor—that is, two on 'em was. Fother one, a feller named Sneath, was a deensly sort o' chap that didn't seem to care much about her. But I put that down to the fact that he hadn't got no chance. The feller that I reckoned she'd take, it she took any of 'em, was Nettleton. He was about thirty-five and a thorough man, hand-some as a pictur' and brave as a lion. The third man, Jimmie Saunders, was too young for her, hein' only about twenty-two years old.

We all camped together that night and the next mornin' went over the divide together, Journeyin' in the same crowd for a matter of two weeks. There wasn't nothin' to take me with 'em except that the widder, who seemed to have a faculty fer ropin' men in to her affections, lassoed me. That made three of us all, elbowin' one another fer the same woman, Nettleton, Saunders and me. Leastways Saunders and me was elbowin' fer Nettleton was a proud sort of a man and wouldn't put in a claim. Howsomever, the man I was most afeard of was this same Nettleton. He was such a fine lookin', manly chap, and, though he wouldn't stoop to palaver over no woman, he was considerable polite to the widder, and of all her hands was the most use. But sometimes I thought Saunders would light in ahead of the bull lot of us. He was a lively little chap, and the only rule I've ever been able to apply to wimmen is that when they git along in years they mostly reaches down fer men below 'em.

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GOULD'S \$100 TIP.

Present for a Station Agent Along With a Pass to St. Louis.

One of the proudest men in New York state today is William Bishop, the station agent at Arkville, in the Catskills, because he recently received a \$100 tip and a railroad pass to the St. Louis exhibition and return from George J. Gould, says a Middletown (N. Y.) special dispatch to the New York Press.

Mr. Gould had been staying in his summer home, Furlough lodge, on his estate near Arkville. He arrived at Arkville in his private car, which was run on a switch. It was visited by people from miles around. So many came to see it that the station agent had the greatest difficulty in preventing damage to the interior.

Mr. Gould so appreciated the care with which his property was guarded, also the efficient manner in which express matter for Furlough lodge had been handled all the season, that when he was leaving Arkville for New York he thanked the station agent and gave him the \$100 and the pass.

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## KIDNEY DISEASE CURED AFTER 10 YEARS.

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Mrs. C. H. HEATH.

Bill Bet the Bosun That Two Ostriches in the Cargo Had Eaten Half a Pound of Nails.

That two ostriches made a substantial meal of three-quarters of a pound of shingle nails is the presumably veracious tale told by old "Binnacle Bill" Johnson, able seaman, of the steamer Amazonese, which came into port from Para a day or two ago loaded with rubber, says the New York Sun. The ostriches, together with several rare specimens of South American fauna, were sent yesterday to the National Zoological Gardens at Washington.

"Binnacle Bill" told his story aboard the ship this morning.

"They war ostriches, all right sir," said Bill, as he lighted a strong pipe and took several thoughtful puffs, "and they war wonderful birds. One o' them war named Ping and the other Pong, leastwise that's what we called 'em aboard the ship, and I are very thankful to 'em. Why are I thankful? Why for the very good reason that because of them birds old Binnacle Bill is just five plunks to the good."

"How did that happen?" was asked.

"Well, it was this 'ere way, an' if you don't believe it, sir, I'll show you the nails and the five plunks, and you've soon ostriches yourself."

"The Amazonese is a very staunch vessel, sir, but she wasn't constructed to convey ostriches, deer, armadillos and such delicate beasts, leastwise and keep 'em healthy. You see, sir, when we were off Cape Hatteras, it sort o' freshened up like and for a day or two sometimes we were rollin' nigh seaps under. Naturally then these beasts began to grow somewhat uneasy, like. In fact, sir, we had a little private musicale aboard which war not remembered altogether for its harmony. Those ostriches war the leaders o' the show, and they war ably assisted by a couple o' ducks and that capbar, which are a cross between a duck and a dog. He would be the last named, sir, if he didn't have webbed feet and he would have been a duck if he had quacked instead o' barked. An' there were others with long, foolish names that I disremember, but they were strong on the chorus."

"Now, sir, no abler seaman ever spliced rope than Binnacle Bill Johnson, but the captain, knowing I war very fond o' animals, sent me down 'ere below during that blow to look after this menagerie. Well, sir, it war not the simple life. Ping and Pong war sayin' things, it 'peared to me, that I would blush to repeat, sir, and the other animals were helpin' some, you bet. I was goin' around the cages sayin' 'Sh!' to sort o' soothe 'em, when of a sudden the ship heels to starboard and every one o' them cages begins to shoot the chutes. They all landed kepunk in a bunch and then slid back again on the next heel. I yells for help and we stops the seasawing. It war mighty fortunate that there wasn't none o' them beasts hurt. There wasn't even one o' them loose except a armadillo, and I ketched him by his tail."

"I seed, however, that ther'd got to be some little tinkerin' done on them cages, and arter I had made 'em all fast again with ropes, I went forward for some shingle nails. I got more than half a pound in a pint measure and started in to hammer a few busted slats on to that ostrich cage. Soon I see I war goin' to need a saw, and so I went to fetch it, leavin' those shingle nails close beside the cage."

"Beginn' your parding, sir, but 'swelp me, sir, when I came back those nails war gone."

"What of that?" asked the listener.

"What o' that? Those ostriches ate them nails, three-quarters of a pound, sir."

"How are you going to prove it?" asked the listener skeptically.

"That's what the bos